

September 11 Charity Fraud Update

State	No. of Cases	Case descriptions
New York ¹	8	Not all cases are criminal investigations. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 3 investigations of improper spending/accounting of funds▪ 2 internet fraud cases▪ Several more multi-state investigations involving alleged police/fire charities
California	5	Investigations mainly concerned charities that did not register. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ “Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development”: FBI has seized all documents of this charity.▪ “Charity Without Borders”: they have done subpoenas for banks but not individuals. Waiting for approval from FBI to go ahead with individual subpoenas.▪ “Islamic Relief Fund”▪ “Tamil Refugee Relief Organization”: investigation still in process.▪ “Committee for Human Rights in Iran”: FBI has all information.▪ The Attorney General’s Office is waiting to start on a case against “American Muslims for Global Peace and Justice”.
Massachusetts	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Commonwealth of Massachusetts v. Jeffrey Scott</i>. This is a civil case. Mr. Scott put out canisters in public and made appeals for charitable contributions on behalf of the victims of September 11th.
New Jersey	1	Have not responded to phone calls.
Virginia	1	Open investigation. Pursuant to Virginia Code Sec. 3.1-14(B)(4), the Office of Consumer Affairs is required to hold in confidence records of an active investigation until the investigation is closed.
Maryland	0	
Pennsylvania	0	

¹ The cases presented in this chart are related to fraud by organizations. A press release documenting fraud by individuals in New York can be found at <http://www.manhattanda.org/whatsnew/press/2002-03-21.pdf>.